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The GUARDIAN.

—— *hic murus* [illegible] *esto,*
Nil conscire sibi —— —— Hor.

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THERE are a sort of Knights-Errant in the World, who, quite contrary [illegible] Romance, are perpetually seeking Adventures to bring Virgins into Distress, and to ruin Innocence. When Men of Rank and Figure pass away their Lives in these criminal Pursuits and Practices, they ought to consider that they render themselves more Vile and Despicable than any Innocent Man can be, whatever low Station his Fortune or Birth have placed him in. Title and Ancestry render a good Man more illustrious, [illegible] ill one more contemptible.

Thy Father's Merit sets thee up to view,
And plants thee in the fairest point of Light,
To make thy [illegible] *or thy* [illegible] *Conspicuous.*
Cato.

I have often wondered, that these Deflowrers of Innocence, tho' dead to all the Sentiments of Virtue and Honour, are not restrained by Compassion and Humanity. To bring Sorrow, Confusion and Infamy [illegible] Family, to wound the Heart of a tender Parent, and stain the Life of a poor deluded young Woman with a Dishonour that can never be wiped off, are Circumstances one would think sufficient to check the most violent [illegible] in a Heart which has the least Tincture of Pity and [illegible] nature. Would any one purchase the Gratification of a Moment at so dear a Rate? and entail a lasting Misery on others, for such a transient Satisfaction to himself? nay, for a Satisfaction that is sure, at some time or other, to be followed with Remorse? I am led to this Subject by two Letters which came lately to my Hands. The last of them is, it seems, the Copy of one sent by a Mother to one who had abused her Daughter; and though I cannot justifie her Sentiments at the latter end of it, they are such as [illegible] Mind which [illegible] recovered [illegible] so great a P[illegible] it the [illegible] Idea of the Affliction [illegible] such an Occasion.

(Price Two Pence.)

——shire, July [illegible]

SIR,

'THE other [illegible] went into the House [illegible] of my Tenants, [illegible] Family, and (by my Grandmother's Kindness) had [illegible] Education with my Mother from her Infancy; [illegible] of a Spirit and Understanding greatly superior to those of her own Rank. I found the poor Woman in [illegible] Attire, drowned in the utmost Disorder [illegible] a Condition [illegible] edin Tears, and [illegible] than Grief. She leaned [illegible] like [illegible] Table, on which [illegible] her [illegible] in No- lay a Letter folded [illegible] Intrigue, bleman, [illegible] Country or [illegible] Words for [illegible] Daugh- Girls; in which number [illegible] from the ter of my poor Tenant, [illegible] Mother. I have following Letter written [illegible] sent you here a Copy of it, which, made Publick in your Paper, may pe[illegible] Reflecti- ons to many Men of F[illegible] Quality, who indulge themselves in a [illegible] which they possess but in Common with the vilest part of Mankind.'

My Lord,

"[illegible] Night I discovered the Injury you "have done to my Daughter. Heaven "knows how long and piercing a Torment that shor-

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